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Good evening,

On behalf of Fuse Washington, please accept the following as a supplemental response to the allegations raised by Dennis Olson in the above-referenced matter.

On December 18, 2018, it was brought to our attention that pages 6 and 7 of Mr. Olson's allegations were inadvertently excluded when previously provided to us. Therefore, our response to you submitted in July of this year did not directly address those two pages. But those two pages do not contain any substantive evidence to change our previous statements to you. We stand by those responses, and assert that Mr. Olson's allegations are absolutely unfounded, as described in our July 23rd letter and as further described herein. We also still assert that dismissal would be the most appropriate course of action here.

The Allegations in Mr. Olson's Complaint

"1. PARTISAN INTENT"

Page 6 "provid[es] a hyperlink or other direct access to another person's website" on Fuse's Facebook page (here, a link to a news organization's website), which is also unregulated under 11 CFR 100.155(b). As previously stated, the "examples" under "Political Intent" do not show any violation of any law, or any reportable expenditure. This portion of the Complaint must be dismissed outright.

"A. HIRING A 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIELD ORGANIZER"

Apart from posing a series of questions designed to elicit the Commission to engage in a fishing expedition across Fuse's operations, this "allegation" does not actually support any finding of a violation. Monitoring public figures' actions is not a reportable activity, and a position clearly created to organize and support GOTV programs and efforts and to support a grass-roots organizing effort in central Washington is similarly not a reportable expenditure.

This portion of the Complaint must also be dismissed outright.



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